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OBITUARY.

REV. PHILIP SCHAFF, D.D , LL.D.

The Rev. Philip Schaff, Vice-President of the American Geographical Society, died at his residence in this city, October 20, 1893.

Dr. Schaff was born at Coire, in the Grisons, January 1, 1819, and received his education there and at Stuttgart, Tübingen, Halle and Berlin.

He took his degrees of Ph.D. and B.D. at the University of Berlin in 1841, and received the honorary degree of D.D. from the same University in 1854. He was a favorite pupil of Neander, and Gregory XVI. allowed him, during a winter spent in Rome, the privilege of working in the Vatican Library.

In 1842 he lectured in Berlin on Biblical Exegesis and Church History. In 1844 he was recommended by Neander, Krummacher and other scholars, to the Synod of the German Reformed Church in America as instructor in the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg, Pennsylvania. He was elected and entered upon his duties the same year; but his liberal sentiments excited opposition, and in 1845 he was tried on a charge of heresy and acquitted. He continued his labors at Mercersburg for nearly twenty years, and in 1862 became Professor of Ecclesiastical History at Andover, and afterwards filled the same chair at the Hartford Theological Institute. In 1870 he was called to the Union Theological Seminary in this city as Professor of Sacred

Literature, and he became Professor of Church History in the same institution in 1887.

Dr. Schaff was a man of unwearied activity, whether at home in America or during his frequent visits to Europe, for purposes of work or study. He was one of the founders and the Honorary Secretary of the American Branch of the Evangelical Alliance, and he was President of the American Committee on the revision of the King James Bible. In 1888 he founded the American Society of Church History, of which he was chosen President.

He was throughout his career an indefatigable student, and he wrote much and well, both in German and in English. Among his works are "The History of the Apostolical Church," issued in 1853; a "Sketch of the Political, Social, and Religious Character of the United States"; "Germany, its Universities, Theology, and Religion"; A German hymn book; "The Christ of the Apostles"; "The Person of Christ, with Replies to Strauss and Renan"; "The Civil War and the Overthrow of Slavery in America," "Christ in Song," "Revision of the English Version of the New Testament," "The Vatican Council," "History and Collection of Creeds of Christendom," "Harmony of the Reformed Confessions," "Through Bible Lands," a dictionary of the Bible; "Library of Religious Poetry," in editing which he was associated with Arthur Gilman; a "Companion to the Greek Testament and the English Version," "Historical Account of the Work of the American Committee of Revision of the English Version," "Christ and Christianity," and "Church and State in the United States, or the American Idea of

Religious Liberty and its Practical Effects." He also edited an adaptation of Lange's "Critical, Theological, and Homiletical Commentary on the Bible," and the "International Revision Commentary on the New Testament;" the "Select Library of Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers," in 14 vols.; a second series, in conjunction with Principal Wace; the "Schaff-Herzog Cyclopædia of Religious Knowledge," and a Supplement, the "Encyclopædia of Living Divines," with the Rev. S. Macaulay Jackson, as co-editor. He was a member of many learned societies and a constant contributor to European and American periodicals.

In 1892 his health failed, but he soon rallied and applied himself with unabated energy to the labors in which he delighted. He was greatly interested in the Parliament of Religions at the Chicago Exposition, which he visited only a month before his death, that he might not lose the opportunity of raising his voice once more in the cause of religious toleration and religious liberty.

It was while confined to his house by increasing weakness that Dr. Schaff received from the Council of the University of the City of New York the degree of D.D., conferred upon him on the fiftieth anniversary of his first course of lectures, delivered in Berlin.

With all his learning and his devotion to serious concerns, there was nothing austere in Dr. Schaff. The frank simplicity of his bearing was the outcome of the sweet and genial nature that endeared him to all.

At a meeting of the Council of the American Geographical Society, held at their rooms, No. 11 West 29th Street, on Saturday, December 2, 1893, the fol-

lowing Resolution, offered by President Daly, was unanimously adopted and, on motion, it was ordered that a copy of the same be engrossed and transmitted to the family of Dr. Schaff:

Resolved, That in the death of our late Vice-President, the Rev. Philip Schaff, this Society has lost a capable officer, and a most attentive and earnest member, and the world a great scholar. Eminent as an historian, whose history of the Christian Church, from the thoroughness of its execution and the clearness of its style, has been pronounced by the Theological Faculty of the University of Berlin the most notable monument of universal historical learning produced by the school of Neander, he combined with this erudition an extensive knowledge of ancient and mediæval geography, and took a deep interest in the geographical explorations, and the discoveries in physical geography, that have been so characteristic a feature of the present century:

That as the author of eleven works in German, and twenty-three in English, and as the editor of others with critical notes and translations, one of them of twenty-five volumes, besides addresses, reports and pamphlets, he went through an amount of intellectual labor and research rarely achieved within the limits of a life-time:

That in his writings, whether theological, political or literary, he was distinguished by a breadth of view and a most tolerant spirit, and that from his innate modesty in respect to his acquisitions, the amenity of his character, and the courtesy of his manner, he was an example in the fullest sense of a Christian gentleman.